

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2019-105-T - ORDER NO. 2019-456

JULY 23, 2019

IN RE: Application of Cougar Moving Company,	)	ORDER AMENDING
LLC for Approval to Amend Class E	)	TARIFF, GRANTING
(Household Goods) Certificate No. 9800,	)	STATEWIDE
along with a Request to Amend Its Tariff	)	AUTHORITY, AND
(See Certification Docket No. 2012-284-T)	)	WAIVING THE HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Cougar Moving Company, LLC (“Cougar Moving,” or the “Company”) seeking changes to its Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 9800 by amending its tariff and scope of authority. The Company has also filed a Motion for expedited review. Notice of this matter was published in *The Post and Courier*, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817(C)(3)(a), informing interested parties of the Company’s Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceeding. However, no protests or petitions to intervene were received.

Cougar Moving submitted an amended tariff with the Commission for review on June 25, 2019. Additionally, while the Company is currently authorized to transport household goods between points and places in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties, it is now applying to amend the scope of its authority to statewide.<sup>1</sup> To further

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<sup>1</sup> Cougar Moving was originally granted authority to operate by Order No. 2013-16, (January 29, 2013) in Docket No. 2012-284-T.

its Application for this amended scope of authority and meet the requirements of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. § 103-133(1), the Company submitted the verified testimony of shipper witness Joshua Finigan on June 18, 2019. Finigan, a real estate broker servicing the Mt. Pleasant and Rock Hill/Charlotte areas, testified that there is a need and demand for additional household goods movers in South Carolina.

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) conducted its compliance review of Cougar Moving on May 14, 2019 and a follow-up review on June 21, 2019. After the follow-up compliance review, ORS determined Cougar Moving to be in compliance with the Commission’s rules and regulations. By letter, ORS submitted its findings to the Commission on June 25, 2019, including an Impact Study, stating that Cougar Moving is currently in compliance with Annual Report and Gross Receipt filing requirements and no consumer complaints have been filed against the Company within the past twelve (12) months. Further, ORS does not oppose waiving the hearing for statewide authority and therefore does not oppose the Motion for Expedited Review.

Having considered the Application, the lack of opposition, and the results of the ORS Impact Study, we find that the amended tariff proposed by Cougar Moving is just and reasonable for the Company and its customers. Accordingly, the Company’s Application to amend its current tariff should be approved. Further, we find that the public convenience and necessity allows for additional movers throughout the state as indicated by Shipper Witness Finigan. As a result, we further conclude that Cougar Moving’s Application for statewide authority should also be granted.

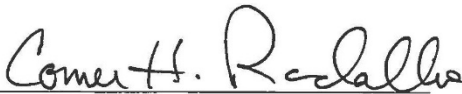
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

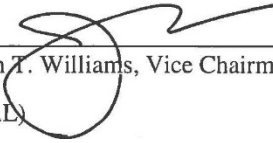
1. The Motion for Expedited Review is granted.
2. The Application of Cougar Moving Company, LLC to amend its tariff is approved, subject to compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, and regulations. The approved revised tariff must be submitted to the Commission within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.
3. The Application of Cougar Moving Company, LLC to amend Class E Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 9800 by changing the scope of authority from “Between Points and Places in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina” to “Between Points and Places in South Carolina” is hereby approved.
4. The hearing scheduled for June 26, 2019, is cancelled.
5. Upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-10 *et. seq.*, and the applicable regulations for Motor Carriers, a certificate will be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.
6. Failure of the Applicant to either 1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements within ninety (90) days of this Order, or 2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to be null and void, and the Application will be dismissed without prejudice. No further order of this Commission is necessary.

7. Under the two-month reporting requirement contained in Order No. 2014- 443 (May 21, 2014), the Office of Regulatory Staff is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the requirements of the present Order. If such notification is provided, the docket will be closed.

8. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Comer H. Randall, Chairman

  
Justin T. Williams, Vice Chairman

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